

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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MY TRIP TO FLORIDA AND TO THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

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S. W. Latimer, General Overseer
I arrived in Jacksonville and visited the church there, was in two services. Brother Marvin Waldron is doing a good work in Jacksonville. He and his good wife accompanied me thru the West Coast of Florida. This being my first trip thru the state, you can imagine my delight as we passed thru the many cities and the country with its orange groves, grapefruit and other tropical growth. We visited Largo. Brother P. W. Chesser gave us a good report of the work there. We returned to Tampa and spent the night with Brother J. A. Self. I had the privilege of speaking to his congregation in the evening service. The work on the West Coast is certainly moving forward; preachers and people are working in harmony. We visited the Preachers' Meeting at Wimauma. To my surprise, the majority of the preachers in Florida were at this meeting. Some few were not there but had given their excuses to their State Overseer in writing, or the majority of them had. This Preachers' Meeting was very interesting to me. Most every phase of the ministerial work was discussed; special stress was put on unity. The preachers were urged to love one another and to work in harmony. I believe that much and lasting good was done in this meeting. At the last session "Finance" was the topic. They arranged plans to raise money for the indebtedness on the camp ground. They talked about the financial interest of the church at large and the preachers were urged to carry out the rules of the Assembly in collecting their mission funds and to be loyal in the drive that is now on for the entire church. Brother Johnson made a good talk and we are looking for Florida to go over the top in every respect this year.

Brother I. G. Roberts came to the Preachers' Meeting in his car and carried us over to Miami over the Tama Ama Trail. We arrived in Miami just a few hours before our boat was to leave for Nassau. Sister Roberts made us welcome in their home and did everything she could for our comfort and to arrange for our leave on the boat. At the boat we met "Vaughan's Happy Two," A. B. Sebbren and C. G. Wilson, who accompanied us to Nassau. Brother Roberts, Brother Wilson and myself got seasick and of course I could not explain that. Brother Sebbren stayed with me and he was our nurse during our seasickness. On arriving at Nassau quite a number of the saints met us at the boat-landing. Brother Eneas and Brother Pender had charge of the entertainment and we were royally entertained in the home of Brother Pender. I haven't words to express my appreciation for the kind hospitality of these good people on the Islands. This was one of the best conventions I ever attended. Brother Eneas is certainly a good Overseer. He has the work well organized. Everything went off like clock work. The most obedient crowd I ever met in my life I met them in the Bahama Islands, and I know they love one another! It is not worth while for me to say that Sebbren and Wilson did some of the best singing they ever did in their lives. Everybody on the Islands was carried away with their singing. The saints on the Islands are on fire for God. Brother I. G. Roberts did some good preaching which was highly appreciated by those who attended the convention. The work on the Islands is going by leaps and bounds.

We returned to the States and were entertained in the home of Bro. and Sister Roberts who made us feel more than welcome. We had the privilege of speaking to the church at Miami, also at Coconut Grove. We highly appreciate the good saints at both of these places. We returned to Jacksonville and visited Flagler Beach and St. Augustine. I was impressed with the beauty of the state of Florida and enjoyed the trip thru the state very much. The thing that was of greatest interest to me was the Church of God. Florida is making rapid progress, as it always has, in the work of the Lord. Brother Johnson is proving himself to be a worthy overseer. He has the hearty cooperation of the preachers in Florida, and I am sure that Florida will do a great work this year.

I have had the privilege of visiting several states up to this time and I wish to say that the work is moving along nicely in every state that I have visited. In Cleveland there has been some of the best meetings this year (Please Look On Page Two)

THE LORD WAS WITH US

SPARTA, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise for victory. We had an Easter program and all day service and the Lord blessed. We had some opposition in planning the program but the Lord was with us. We had preaching in the afternoon and made a drive on the indebtedness, raising \$23.00, we also took up a collection for the orphans and got \$5.70. We thank the Lord for all of it.

We observed the Lord's Supper and had feet washing Sunday night. We feel like this day was a blessing to our Sunday School. I want all who read this to pray for our church. We have some good people here.—Oma Donlison, clerk.

The Revival Spirit Is On

The revival spirit is now on at Desdemona, Tex. One man prayed thru to sanctification last night, who had been seeking for about four years. The Lord is truly blessing the young folks. Two received the Holy Ghost and many have been saved, also many are looking this way. Service lasted last night until long after midnight.—Ruth Browning.

A New Work Started

ST. CHARLES, Va.—We have not seen a report of the Church work here in a long time. We did not have any church building here; we had meeting and Sunday School in a brother's home, but they moved off, and others of the saints left and the church went down, to some extent, but is beginning now to come to the front. The Lord is blessing. We have had several good services in the last few weeks. Brother Bostic was with us three nights, the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Three souls prayed thru to victory. Brother W. E. Tyree continued the revival for a week. Two more were saved, one received the Holy Ghost and four were baptized in water. The meeting closed Saturday night, March 2d. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet on the last night. We have not any pastor. Brother Tyree is a loyal and humble worker for the cause of Christ. We have a few loyal members and are looking forward to the time when we will have a nice building in which to worship. All who read this, please pray that the Lord will open up the way for us to get a permanent place. I know that God has many blessings in store for those who live upright and humble. We have many trials and temptations but the Lord always cares for His own and makes a way of escape. I feel that Brother W. E. Tyree will be a good shepherd to take care of the sheep here. He set the church in order here at St. Charles, Va. Feb. 27th, 1929 with seven members. Three more have been added. We have ten true blue Church of God members. Pray for us here. We need help from our overseer, Brother H. B. Simmons. Your sister.—Anna Mullins, clerk.

GOD IS BLESSING SOULS HERE

WILMINGTON, Del.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for His blessings. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I also thank Him because I belong to the Church of God and for the church here at Wilmington, Del. The Lord is saving, sanctifying and filling precious souls with the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother W. B. Owens for he richly feeds us with the Word of God. I thank the Lord for divine healing. He wonderfully healed my body on Wednesday night. Bless Him sweet name! I thank Him because I can trust Him for both soul and body. Pray for the church here that it may be a soul saving station, and pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.—Your sister in Christ, Margaret Gordon.

Many Souls Have Been Added

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—Below we give the following report of the revival meetings held at Mt. Clare, W. Va. by the Moreland Evangelistic party. These meetings began Feb. 8th in the theatre building, and lasted until Mar. 31st, during which time there were 76 souls saved, a goodly number sanctified and about 25 received the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were baptized in water Easter Sunday. The last night of the meeting we organized the Church of God at the above place with 59 members, made up of men, women and children. There were some strong men saved, also some rather aged men, as well as aged mothers and younger women, together with a goodly number of young men, young girls and some children.

We have subscribed about five hundred dollars toward a church building and a small sum already paid in. We appointed trustees and are now negotiating the purchase of a beautiful lot on the state highway where we hope to build a nice comfortable church as soon as possible. This was a wonderful meeting. One old man that had sought God for 36 years was wonderfully saved. One mother was healed while at the altar seeking God; she had an arm that was stiff in the elbow for about four years which God loosed while she sought Him.

The whole town and country was stirred and the people came nightly taking all the possible space we could give either in seating or standing room. Men confessed their sins, made wrongs right, quit their lodges, quit tobacco, and cigarettes; women quit their snuff and lodges along with their other sins.

Brother Moreland did fine preaching in these meetings, and stirred the devil and sinners as well as the hypocrites, preachers and critics, exhibiting the same fearless and uncompromising spirit as he has always manifested in his period of evangelism, which resulted in him making many friends among the people. He was greatly loved by both saint and sinner who crowded around for a last handshake and good-bye with the evangelist and his party, and also signified their desires to have them return again, with uplifted hands in a solid mass.

Pray for us here at Mt. Clare. We are going to try to get up a church building as soon as possible. Our people must be cared for. One business man told me if we started to build he would see us through. I will add that we are having other fine meetings in West Virginia. Sister Helen Morrow's meetings brought us 132 souls in the two meetings alone, and an addition to the two churches of 81 members. Praise the Lord! We are pressing the devil back in West Virginia and are just getting started. I wish to further state that the meetings were opened at Mt. Clare, W. Va. from the "Home Mission Fund." \$25.00 invested brought us 76 souls and a strong church. Come on with that mission money, and I will put the Church of God in every good town in West Virginia. Faithfully, E. C. Clark.

Loves The Way Of Holiness

ALARKA, N. C.—Let us walk and talk with Jesus. I want to write a few words of praise to our Lord this morning thru the Evangel. I want to praise Jesus for His power to heal. Jesus has healed my baby's hands. He fell in the fire and it looked like his hands were ruined, but this morning they look like they are just about well. I love this good old holiness way. I ask all of God's children to pray that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet. Also pray for my unsaved children, that they may come to the fold before it is too late. Your sister in Jesus.—Mary Tippet.

We Trust The Work Is Going To Grow

KINGSTON, Jamaica.—On Friday, the first of February, the writer was called to Kingston by the Overseer to run a revival. Several were saved. I can't give the number sanctified, but one received the Holy Ghost. Six were baptized in water and six came into the church. One night after the revival seven more came into the church, making thirteen new members. The saints were wonderfully blessed. We trust that the work in Kingston is going to grow for the Lord. It is said by many that the church has taken on new life. The Overseer has at his new; he wants to

Orlando District Convention

The Orlando (Orange County) District Convention has come and gone, with all of its blessings. But we can truly say it will not be soon forgotten. God surely approved this meeting and it was a wonderful success. It was cloudy and the wind was blowing on the outside, but on the inside the sunshine of Heaven was beaming brightly and there was a deep undisturbed peace in our hearts which no man except the Lord can know. On Saturday afternoon of March 9th the little tabernacle at Zellwood was filled to its capacity with happy hearts and bright faces. The people at Zellwood were very much interested and concerned about this meeting. O we feel like the hungry hearts were fed. Praise the Lord! Our Father is so good to His children. We shall not soon forget this feast.

7:45 o'clock arrived only to find us gladly singing the Living Gospel Songs of Zion. Brother I. H. Marks, of Lakeland led the singing, his daughter, Naomi was at the piano. The Lord blessed us real good. At 8:15 the pastor, James L. Dorman, spoke a few words of encouragement and gave everybody a glad welcome. I am sure we all felt very much at home. At 8:30 our State Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson came forth with a message on "The Second Coming of Jesus." This was a rich sermon and was highly seasoned with power and grace. He explained to us how that it was necessary for Jesus to come the second time for the express purpose of bruising Satan's head and putting him down, as will be in accord with prophecy. I am sure that many hearts took on new thoughts. After this forcible message, without any singing, the altar was filled with hungry hearts, begging for the hope of eternal life. We met again Sunday morning at 9:45. We had some good soul food handed out to us from such men as Brothers I. H. Marks and R. P. Johnson on the Sunday School lesson. Many good things were said, that will follow us on thru this short pilgrimage and be fresh in our memory all along the way. Glory to God, we can say again that God loves His people. After Sunday School we had another good song service. Then Brother Johnson gave an instructive talk on the teachings of the General Assembly, along the line of tithing and giving, missions, etc. These thoughts were very rich and good and we will remember them along the way. At 11:45 we had a powerful and forcible message brought forth by our beloved Brother I. H. Marks, his subject being "Oneness of God's People." His text was found in Heb. 2:11.

I am sure there was a greater oneness felt after he finished. This is an outline that Church of God preachers need very much to preach, and especially such preachers as Brother Marks, as he makes it so forcible and it is so plain that a wayfaring man, though he be a fool can understand it. I thank God for our good honest and established preachers we have in our ranks today who are absolutely fixed.

At 12:30 we served dinner. A very delightful dinner was spread at the noon hour and everyone enjoyed it. I am sure several baskets full were gathered up of the fragments. We are so thankful, everything is so well, our hearts are made to swell when we think how good the Lord is to us. So many good things to eat and we are not sick. Praise the Lord forever! 3:00 o'clock arrived and the house was full of anxious waiting hearts. God gave us a good song service and our hearts were made glad and our faces to shine. Loud praises were heard over the building. Saints were shouting, singing and talking in tongues. Then Brother Johnson gave answers to some questions that were asked, such as, What do you people say "The Spirit Speaking"? And what does it take to constitute the Church of God? Now these questions were correctly answered and I am sure those who asked them were satisfied with the answers, because the Bible always settles the question. Now this was a wonderful day throughout, God was with us in a wonderful way. I am sure that everyone who attended this feast can truly say it was good to be there. God is blessing Brother Dorman's efforts at Zellwood and we are glad. There were two meetings going on in the Orlando Dist. Now Brother I. H. Marks is conducting a revival at Sanford and Brother Dorman is conducting one in Ferndale. We ask all who may chance to read this account to please pray that God will see the work go forward.—Yours in His service, S. A. Robertson.

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THEY ARE PREVALENT TODAY

Twenty-one Added To The Church

DAN, W. Va. (Mar. 12).—To the saints everywhere, greetings: On January 12th we came from Salem, Va. and took charge of a revival at War, W. Va. which had been running about a week, with Brother V. W. Blankenship in charge. He was doing some real gospel preaching, but the saints were in confusion, which hindered the Spirit from taking hold of sinners. A fast was called, and most everyone that was interested fell in line and they (saints) began to confess their faults and the power of the Holy Ghost began to hover over the audience and conviction seized sinners and they fell into the altar and began to cry out to God for help. Night after night the Word was handed out with power and demonstration of the Spirit. Brother Blankenship did some real preaching and the altar was crowded from night to night. The result was that several were saved and sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. One young sister received the Holy Ghost just as she came out of the water. The revival closed with the Lord's Supper, and twenty-one came in the church and seven were transferred from other churches. When Brother C. H. Blankenship took the district this church at War had a membership of thirteen, now it has forty-seven, and many are looking this way. Pray that God will have His way in the work. One of the saddest things was that on the 9th of March the church lost one of their brethren by accident in the mines, which obituary you will see later. We thank God because we have victory in our midst. We have been having from two to four revivals in the district going all the time since we have been on the work. God is confirming His Word with signs and wonders following His believing children. Pray for the work and that God will keep us humble and where He would have us, (as real servants of His) to be. Your sister, Alice Blankenship.

I AM GLAD I CAN TRUST HIM

WEIR, Miss.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I am trusting Him for soul and body. I am glad the Lord saw fit to show me the way of holiness, because it is the only way to Heaven. It is a faithful saying: "For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."

Let us not deny Him. I want all the saints to pray for me that I will stay true to my Lord at all times and do the very best I can for Him. I want to be ready when He comes or calls. I am trusting Jesus for both soul and body and I think His power is sufficient to heal any kind of disease. I am glad I can trust Him. I am a lone member in this community. Preaching is scarce. I need your prayers that I will hold out to the end. I get lonely some and the way is hard sometimes but I mean to go on just the same. I love the way of holiness.—Your sister in Christ, Estell Coleman.

The Lord Delivers

PINSON FORD, Ky.—I want to testify this morning of my dear Saviour. He has done so much for me. He has healed in my family so many times. I promised the Lord that if He would heal me I would testify and I neglected to do so then, so the Lord wants us to keep our promise, for our Lord is all in all to us. If we will let Him have His way and trust Him, He will surely do what He promised to do for us. I feel I have done so little for the Lord. I want to do more for Him and live more like Jesus and do what He wants me to do. I am glad to say I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I have many trials and temptations along the way, but the Lord delivers me out of them all. Pray for me that I will hold out faithful to the end and meet Him in the air.—Mr. Tilda Stone.

Give us great victory over the whole district, and that this will be the greatest year for soul saving in the history of the Church.—Thos. W. Godwin.

J. P. Hughes
(Article No. 2)

In a previous article we started to give a synopsis of Paul's apocalypse of the "last days," using his statement at 2 Tim. 3:1-5 for a text. In this article we will continue the summary of the text; and in order to prove that it applies to our day and every evil practice of men that Paul discloses is now in vogue as a sign of the second coming of Jesus, we will now comment on each of the remaining circumstances that characterize the "last days."

Egotism and Self-praise
"BOASTERS."—Following his description of men, in which he shows that in the "last days" they will be selfish and covetous, from which a condition arises that he designates "perilous (hard) times;" that was commented on in a previous article. The apostle furthermore said that men would be "boasters;" and we must concede that the present generation is given to boasting, for wherever one goes he finds a spirit of egotism and self-praise. It is even manifested in the Church and among ministers, so much that the pronoun "I" has become very prominent. Preachers boast of their work in the Church; the great meetings they have conducted and churches they have established. It is very easy in these days for ministers to give exaggerating reports of their meetings, and one does not have to scrutinize to find that the spirit of boasting is manifested in the Church. Men in every walk of life are fulfilling this prediction of the "last days." They boast of their skill, their talents, their strength, their wisdom, their crime, and even of the hearts they have broken and virtue they have spoiled. Surely this is a day of boasting and self-praise.

Pride and Arrogancy
"PROUD."—The text shows that in the "last days" men will be "proud," and pride of every kind is prevalent today. There is national pride, political pride, social pride and spiritual pride. There is pride in dress, in which honor, reputation, virtue, life and health are sacrificed to fashions adopted by the Paris houses of prostitution. When Paul said men would be proud, he meant "mankind," and therefore does not exclude women, who are so proud that they will sacrifice all they hold dear, to dress with the fashions of the day.

To wear good clothing does not signify that women are proud, but when they go half dressed because it is the fashion, it is surely a display of pride. This kind of pride is demoralizing the world and destroying the power and influence of the Church. The Bible enjoins women to dress in modest apparel, but this injunction is being violated right in the Church because it is not the fashion for women to have enough cloth in their dresses to make them modest. Surely the Church has never suffered more from this kind of pride than at the present time. We should also remember and take notice that it is not only the pride in dress that is weakening the power of the Church, for there is a spiritual pride that gets hold on people and eats like a cancer, till their power and influence is wasted. Men become proud of their standing in the church and because they have learned to preach well. Some will manifest pride if they are given a responsible position or office in the Church, and if they are permitted to climb very fast they soon get so high in their own estimation that they are abased, in the sight of God, and void of His power in their effort to serve Him. Surely this is a day of pride and arrogance, but the Scripture must be fulfilled and the sign appear before Jesus comes. We notice that pride is also included in the iniquity of Lot's day that Jesus referred to as a sign of His coming, when He said "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." (See Luke 17:28-30; Exek. 16:49). Therefore we can see a striking resemblance in our time, with that of the days of Lot, and know that this sign is apparent.

Rivalry and Competition
"BLASPHEMERS."—The text says that in the "last days" men will be blasphemers. This word comes from the Greek word "blasphemos," signifying to speak evil of, to hinder, to injure, to revile, to be against; and in this sense blasphemy surrounds us on every side. Wherever one goes he finds those who are against their fellowman and have nothing good to say of him. (Please Look On Page Two)

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We are glad to note that we have sold more Sunday School literature this quarter than any preceding quarter. We have a few Junior quarterlies and Lesson Leaves left, but the Adult quarterlies and Cluster Rolls are all gone. We have also a few Cards yet. We will print more for the third quarter.

Quite a few were here from a distance to attend the Bible Training School Entertainment, which seemed to be enjoyed by all who were present.

We wish to thank those again who are working so faithfully for the Evangel. She could not go without your aid. Ever remember that we very highly appreciate your service, and we do not forget to pray for you day by day, and we feel that your reward is "sure." May the Lord crown your efforts with success.

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that I have ever attended at this place. God is especially smiling on the local church. In fact, there are but very few complaints over the entire work and I am agreeably pleased with the progress the church is making. In the Evangel Office things are moving along fine. Brother Letsinger is doing good work with the paper and those on the field are proving themselves loyal, as they always have in the past, by their contributions, purchase of literature, etc. I want to assure all on the field that the work is being safeguarded in a special way by all those who are working in conjunction with the General Overseer. There is not a thing being done that we are ashamed for our people to know. No distribution of funds except that that is authorized by the Assembly and we will be able to make an audit report as we did last year, from all departments. While the enemies of all righteousness are assailing God's church and His people, we are putting our trust in the Lord and we have confidence to believe that He is with us and will be to the end.

Florida East Coast Camp Meeting

The East Coast Camp Meeting was a success. It started Feb. 17, 1929 and continued thru March 3rd. Brother R. P. Johnson, our State Overseer, preached each day on "Deeper Consecration" and I am sure that when the two weeks were over every one who accepted the message understood how to more fully consecrate their lives to the cause of God and their fellowman. We had good attendance both day and night, to be our first attempt for a camp meeting on the East Coast. A goodly number prayed thru to God. Many churches were benefited by the results of the camp meeting on both the East and West Coast, and surely we enjoyed the presence and good fellowship of our preacher friends from over the state. May the Lord bless the work in Florida and everywhere. Your humble servant for lost souls, I. G. Roberts, pastor, Miami, Fla.

NEW CHURCH IN ARKANSAS

COTTER, Ark. (Feb. 6)—On Jan. 19th the writer came here and started a fight against the enemy which lasted two weeks. The Lord began to bless and the devil began to work. The devil afflicted my body, and I was in a very serious condition, but I held on to God. Infidels and skeptics tried to stop me from praying, they tried to have me arrested, but couldn't. It was reported that I was in jail, but it was untrue. One of the biggest snobs that Cotter has known for years, but in the face of it all the Lord has given vic-

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Rivalry and competition is prevalent in every pursuit and vocation of life, and whatever one undertakes to do, somebody will be against him. Even church members are against each other and quite often one minister is known to speak against his brother preacher and try to injure his influence. This age is noted for its evil speaking and rivalry.

Juvenile Rebellion
"Disobedient to Parents."—Obedient children are few in number, and this condition, according to the text, especially marks this age as the "last days." There is a breaking away from parental restriction, a disregard for parental authority, an open rebellion to parental will. Children today undertake to rule their parents instead of submitting to parental authority, and at the rate they are going in this direction it will not be long till the Juvenile world will be without parental power and government. It is insignificant to note that in this respect there has been a vast change within the past few years. The children of our day are older in sin, knowing more iniquity at the age of fifteen than their parents did at thirty. Therefore, we can see that even in children the Word of God is being fulfilled and that the "last days" with all the evils of men that characterize them have found their place in the course of time.

Ingratitude
"UNTHANKFUL."—This is an age of ingratitude among men, and fulfills Paul's prophecy, that in the "last days" they would be unthankful. People fail to thank God for His mercy, His love and the blessings He sends upon all. Even in worship it is hard to have a praise service on account of the unthankful attitude of the Church and those who profess to be the children of God. There are those in the Church who are more ready to tell about the troubles they have had, and what the devil has done, than they are to thank God for His goodness. Men today are "unthankful" in every respect. Those who may receive a favor today will return evil for good tomorrow. We may throw the dog a bone and he will wag his tail in more gratitude than some people will show for favors they have received; and there is every evidence that this attitude of the human family is fulfilling prophecy of the "last days" and the end is near.

Carnal Pollution
"UNBELIEF."—There is much religion in the world today, but very little holiness reigns in the hearts of men, and this is another fulfillment of Paul's prophecy of the "last days." He said men would be "unholy," and when we see that the human family is polluted with worldliness of every kind, we may know that his statement is an accurate description of the present generation. Carnality rules the age, and the world is not concerned about holiness. Spiritual things are not known by men of the world, but as Jude says, "What they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves." Jude 10. The Scripture proves that the natural or carnal mind is corrupt; therefore the unholy state of men in the last days is one of carnal pollution, and a recurrence of conditions as they were in the days of Noah, that Jesus said would be a sign of His coming and of the end of the world. As we call to memory that in the days of Noah, "all flesh had corrupted his way," and the imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was evil continually, and then think of the limited amount of genuine holiness that exists in the world today, we can see a striking picture of Noah's day and know that Jesus is coming soon.

Hardness of Heart
"Without Natural Affection."—This is a time when natural love is rare, and this condition especially marks the age. Notice the abortionist as he grows rich in his hellish work; take the testimony of the vendors of poisons sold to prevent the process of nature, and count the victims of these devilish practices; read of the finding of little corpse in the sewers, the reservoirs and other hidden places, and watch the mothers of our day as they leave their children to care for themselves while they spend the time in revelry. Notice the number of healthy married women that are childless, but will fondle a Poodle or some other kind of dog or animal pet. Look how the courts are kept busy granting divorces, and read of the desertions of husbands and wives. Notice how often the newspapers report the killing of aged parents by selfish children, or children being killed by sin-laden parents, and then judge if this is not an age "without natural affection."

Treaties and Agreements Broken
"TRUCE-BREAKERS."—This is an age, when men do not regard their word or bond. Lawsuits over broken contracts fill the court dockets, and treaties between nations become mere scraps of paper. Men will make vows today, only to be broken tomorrow.

Souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and we have another new church in Arkansas. People all around are looking toward the Church of God, saying, Boy, if the church is what you preached, that is what we want. Pray for this place and the Church of God, that it will rise and shine for Jesus.—Leelle H. Orrick.

This is an age of truce-breaking, and treaties are worthless.

False Accusation
"FALSE ACCUSERS."—Men will be "false accusers" in the last days and this is a characteristic of the present time. The spirit of slander, calumny, detraction, and mud slinging is abroad in the land and seems uncontrollable. In political campaigns it is resorted to as a winning tactic. Even in church and welfare work there are those who are possessed with a morbid desire for the other man's pastorate or position and will make false charges in order to stop him.

Moral Corruption
"INCONTINENT."—Since the days of Noah the human family has never been more incontinent than it is today. Licentiousness is prevalent, and adultery is a common vice. Illicit love fills the newspapers with tales of affections. Divorce is increasing at an alarming rate, and "moral corruption" is the principal cause. The popular dance, public bathing, immodest dress and the movie shows have heated the passion of the human family till it is ablaze with excessive lust. The fashionable life in our day, with its immoral fashions in dress, intemperate habits, and immoderate eating and drinking has led to unbridled lust; and this is another recurrence of the days of Noah. The Bible record of Noah's day shows that moral corruption, caused by improper relations between the sons of God and the daughters of men was a special sin of that age. It also shows that in that day people were eating and drinking, marrying and given in marriage. (See Gen. 6:1-13; Matt. 24:37-39). Of course the Bible does not teach that it is sin to eat and drink the essential foods and beverages of life, but the way people eat and what they eat leads to immoderate passion, which causes hasty marriage for no other purpose other than to gratify lust. Women and girls are not careful about what they eat and where they eat, and this gives hellish fiends an opportunity to dope them with some drug, so they will be an easy prey. Quite often a sheik will lead some virtuous but careless young woman into a place of eating and drinking and when the order is given the clerk gets a sign that leads to the girl's ruin. It cannot be denied that eating and drinking is a sin of this age, and in this we see a striking resemblance of the days of Noah.

Ferociousness
"FIERCE."—This prediction is fulfilled in the capital crime and calamities that men and nation inflict on each other in the world today. Murder is common even among women and children and human blood is bought with the price of a pistol cartridge, because the human family is "fierce." Should a visitor from another planet visit the world's battlefields and behold the fire of great guns, streams of liquid fire and mustard gas; see the mangled and bloody limbs of the dead and dying and witness the pain and misery that men deal out to each other, he would think he had lost his way and landed in hell instead of the earth. The fierceness of men in these "last days," leads to "nation rising against nation, wars and rumors of wars," that Jesus said must come to pass before the end of the age.

Abhorring the Good
"Despisers of those that are good."—The evils at all times have had but little regard for the good, but despising goodness, and the good is a special characteristic of the present age. There are many today who reverence the holy men of old, but for those who live holy today, they have nothing but contempt. The church, or people that teach holiness as the Bible does, are abhorred by other churches, and religious intolerance is manifested everywhere.

Treason
"TRAITORS."—This is a day when men who can be trusted are few. The trusted cashier absconds with thousands of dollars; the conductor lays aside a little for himself; the banker steals by the millions, and those who handle public funds are given to embezzlement. Office holders betray their trusts; husbands and wives betray the confidence of each other; friends today will be enemies tomorrow, and "traitors" are on every side.

Uncertainty
"HIGH-MINDED."—People are self-sufficient today, and wiser in their own eyes than "seven men who can render a reason." Men exalt their reason above divine revelation, and set their opinion against the Word of God. That part of the Bible that contradicts what they call science they regard as a myth, and only accept the part that harmonizes with their opinion. The virgin birth of Christ; the creation of man; the Bible account of the flood, and a literal hell are regarded as being fabulous by self-conceited professors of our day. Youths just out of school know more in their own conceit than their superiors; and the lay member very often shows disregard for the pastor because he (himself) is wiser in his own eyes than those whom God has set in the church as teachers. This is an age of high-mindedness.

The Idol of Pleasure
"Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."—This is an age of amusement and pleasure of every description. There are even churches that must have their picnics, baseball teams, frolics and shows. The simple quiet life is no longer desired and there must be something wild existing, and something unnatural, to meet the demands of the age. Men, women and children in their pugilistic craze

NOTICES & SPECIALS

Ho, everybody! Stop right where you are! Do not stop reading till you have read every word, and then do not sleep till you have made arrangements to attend the GREATEST STATE CAMP MEETING that has ever been in the State of Florida. Great, because it is to be under the control of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Great, because it is here that we will expect some of the great truths of the Bible to be brought out. Great, because it is to be under the auspices of the great Church of God. Great, because of the great crowds that will gather there. Great, because of the great work that we believe that the Holy Ghost is going to do for both sinner and saint.

We have two dormitories, one for the men and one for the women. These will be free to those that gather first. Then, we have some rooms at the old tabernacle that we will charge a small fee for. We hope to have some tents, but we will have to rent these, and they will cost you just what they do us. So if you do not have your own camp tent please write in soon and let us know what you will need, and we will let you know what it will cost you. We can get some folding cots, but they will cost you a small fee. Let us know as soon as you can, and if you want a tent we will book you for one. We want to know, so we will know how many tents to rent. We will do all in our power to help you get by with as little expense as possible.

Those who have gospel tents that we could have the use of during the camp meeting, let us know as soon as you can.

We want all ministers and workers to arrange your work so that you will be able to attend the first service, and stay till the close of the meeting, as we expect to have every moment of the time filled and packed full of good things from the beginning till the final farewell. Preachers (the best in the world), singing, yes sir, Florida's happy hallelujahs from all over the state. Music—piano, stringed instruments, cornet, drums, tambourines, etc. Can't think of anything better. Testimonies, good ones, that come from the hearts of men and women who know what they are talking about. Power, SURE, God's power. (I feel it now as I write, don't you feel it as you read? Be honest). Shouting, yes, the lid will be off, help

will congregate by the thousands and pay great sums to see one man beat up another. The motion picture craze has swept all classes from their moorings and is educating the young in crime and infidelity. Myth and madness rules the age and the most appalling disasters or calamities do not restrain the wild and wanton desire for pleasure. There are many today, who, like Nero, would fiddle while Rome burned. Surely this is a time when men forget God and worship the idol of pleasure.

Formalism and Hypocrisy
"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."—This is an age of formalism and hypocrisy. Most of the religion of the present day is only a form of godliness, without power to operate against corrupt human nature and dominate over sin. There is much display in magnificent church buildings, lordly clergy, stately ceremonies, eloquent preachers, with much pomp and pageantry, but in all this the power of God to convert sinners is wanting. All inward grace may be lacking, but if the outward forms, ceremonies and confessions are adhered to, that is sufficient in modern religion. The life may be entirely out of harmony with the precepts of the Bible, but if the name is on the church book that very fact covers a multitude of sins.

This condition is the last scene in Paul's drama of the "last days," and from it we learn that the entire prophecy is a description of the sins of those who profess Christianity, and do not apply to the world only, as might be supposed. This terrible catalogue of "last day" evils is being fulfilled under a pretense of religion, and this shows that the Church has, and will be effected by the same conditions that exist in the world. It is plain to be seen that "so called" Christianity has joined hands with the world, so that the two are inseparable, and a mark of the world may also be seen upon the Church of God.

Paul gave this prophecy as a warning to the church in the "last days," and as it fully describes the present generation we can read the signs of the times and know that Jesus is coming soon. The Church should be able at any moment, to discern the signs of the times, and then warn her members to beware of the luring evils that seek to defile the body of Christ.

"And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Hab. 2:2.

We have not written on this subject because we desire to criticize or find fault; but because we desire to state facts as they are, and to make the vision plain. If funds will permit we will be glad to put this writing in pamphlet or tract form as we feel impressed to do so. Those who are interested may write me at 613 East 15th St., Charlotte, N. C.

yourself. Our motto, "Do all to the glory of God." Pastors and workers, persuade your people to attend. Especially let the sinners know that there will be a welcome awaiting them. Backsliders, now is your chance, while the Lord is working. Come, and get ready to meet Jesus. Bring the sick and afflicted. God is able to heal. You that have been finding it hard to stand true, come, there will be special consecration services, and sermons that will help you. There will be sermons on healing, the coming of the Lord, prayer, faith, the Church of God, relationship of the pastor and flock, special talks to young ministers and workers concerning the workings of the Church, conferences and how to moderate, questions and answers. O there will be ten full days and a part of each night given over to God and His service.

Please read on—very important. Every Friday is to be prayer day for the camp meeting from now till it begins, and if God lays it on you, fast. The time is set, so get ready. This may be the last one for you and me. Be there, without fail. Let nothing hinder you. Come believing God with a blessing on your lips and in your heart for others. A happy jubilee. Let us make everybody as happy as we can. Write A. M. Sapp, Wimauma, Fla. for information. Write soon, that he will be able to tell you what you want to know. The time is June 6th to 16th. O I feel the fire and glory as I write this. Surely the Lord will be there.—R. P. Johnson, State Overseer of Fla.

Our district meeting will convene at Mt. Olive church on Friday night before the 2d Sunday in May. We invite our overseer to be with us on that day and every preacher in the district, for we are expecting great things from the Lord. Dinner will be served on the ground. Place—Mt. Olive, eight miles south of Tomnolen, Miss., District pastor, G. W. Hall.

The Linden District Convention will convene May 4th and 5th at Center Hill, Fla. Come on dear ones and let's have a good time with our Lord.

The church house is in a nice location here. Most anyone in Center Hill can tell you where it is after you are in town. The storms almost destroyed the house, but the brethren have repaired it. You are invited, and we are looking for you to come if possible.—J. M. Baldree, District pastor, R. P. Johnson, State Overseer.

The first Sunday in May will be Home Coming Day for the Church of God in Charlotte, North Carolina, and we will be glad to have all the members of this church who have moved away from Charlotte pay us a visit on that day so we can enjoy a feast of good things together. Those who cannot come, please write us a letter or testimony to be read in the meeting. There will be services all day, and a great time is expected. At 9:45 we will have a home coming Sunday School. Eleven o'clock will be the regular "home coming" service hour; and in the afternoon there will be a baptismal service with several to be baptized, as a result of the glorious revival we have just closed at this place. At the evening service the Lord's Supper and feet washing will be observed and of course, this always brings a shout in the camp of the saints, for "if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." We hope to have our State Overseer with us on this date, and other ministers are also invited. Remember the date—Sunday, May 4th, 1929. Come one and all, and let us hold a feast unto the Lord.—The Church of God at Charlotte, North Carolina. J. P. Hughes, pastor, 613 E. 15th Street.

This is to notify the public that F. R. Harwood has changed his address from that of Merriam, Kans. to 928 S. Beeke St., Kansas City, Kan.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Francis G. Ambrose, kindly communicate with the clerk concerning

her spiritual condition.—C. H. Ashenfelter, clerk, 3730 N. Erie St., Toledo, Ohio.

FOR SALE.—One big four-piece tent 100 x 100 ft. Can be made smaller—50 x 50 ft. or 75 x 75 ft. by taking out half or one fourth. In good shape. Price \$150.00 cash.—G. G. Asher, Box 723, Strawn, Tex.

To the Church of God, including its entire membership in the state of N. Carolina, greetings: After so long a time we have the state divided into districts and district overseers. They are as follows:

No. 1. Wilmington.—C. W. Coats, 1119 S. 7th St., Wilmington, N. C.
No. 2. Washington.—F. D. Hardee, Rt. 3, Washington, N. C.
No. 3. Middlesex.—C. H. Deans, Middlesex, N. C.
No. 4. Durham.—A. L. Crisp, Rt. 3, Washington, N. C.
No. 5.—Mt. Airy.—J. C. Farmer, 723 Newbern Ave., Statesville, N. C.
No. 6. Kannapolis.—J. M. Snyder, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C.
No. 7. Gastonia.—W. M. Stallings, Box 702, Belmont, N. C.
No. 8. Pineola.—W. J. Pritchard, Mortimer, N. C.
No. 9. Asheville.—E. D. Hopkins, Cullowhee, N. C.
No. 10. Hayesville.—W. P. Walker, Bryson City, N. C.

These brethren are devout men of God, and we believe are endeavoring to do their best in the interest of the Church. They each have large territories and need the prayers and the hearty cooperation of us all. I would like to state just here that each of us feel responsible for the general interest and welfare of the Church of God in the state of North Carolina, so if there are any desiring to launch revivals in the state, would advise you to let it be known. (Mention this, as our good people request same, owing to the past).

Now to our good people of the state, one and all: To make this a good year, one of success, we all will have to work hard, and be faithful and true in every particular, for this is very necessary for our success. I believe we find some of the ripest sections in the state for the full gospel we ever knew of. The calls for meetings (and in new fields) are indeed many. Surely we need to work hard, and if possible, as the apostle spoke, redeem the time. Let us not neglect the mission fund as outlined by the Assembly, for this is very necessary for the new churches organized in the state since the Assembly, this fund has assisted, and there are now other churches in sight. Thank the Lord! Now I would say to our ministers, let each be loyal (as we are to be examples). We are to pay the tenth part of our income, also make our reports REGULAR. The time for us to report is the first day of each month. Also I would say to the clerks of the local churches to be faithful and loyal. You should make your reports also on the first day of each month. Not later, the first.

Again I would say, Children let us be faithful whatever our talents may be. Let us be faithful, so we can hear Him say in that day, Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Amen. God bless you, one and all, is our daily prayer. Humbly, John L. Stephens, Overseer of North Carolina.

REQUEST

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body, as I am weak and in a run down condition and my heart bothers me very badly, but I know God can heal all manner of diseases. I have tried Him so many times and I give Him the praise for it all. Your sister in Christ, A. M. Hickerson, Newell, Ala.

I desire your prayers for the healing of my body, as I have high blood pressure, also there is something wrong with my bones, I can hardly walk. Pray that I may be saved and enjoy complete salvation, as I have been trying to pray and do not know how.—D. M. Stringer, Canton, Ga.

Margaret Stringer, of Canton, Ga. requests prayer that she may be saved. She requests some minister to come to that community and hold a revival.

TEXAS CAMP MEETING

Will Convene At
WEATHERFORD, TEX., AUGUST 1-10
E. W. Williams, Overseer of Texas

WIMAUMA CAMP MEETING

Will Convene At
WIMAUMA, FLA., JUNE 6-16
R. P. Johnson, Overseer of Florida

ILLINOIS-INDIANA TWO STATE CONVENTION

May 8th to 12th, at Eldorado, Illinois
Beds and breakfast will be furnished free, while a nice stand will be located on the grounds where dinner and supper can be bought.
For additional information write to E. L. Simmons, Johnston City, Illinois.

GO PREACH

R. L. Rexrode

It seems that I can hear the words which rang in Jonah's ears, "Go Preach." How little is thought of the seriousness of the call of the Lord to spread the true Gospel. How differently it is with us of this day and age; we have the time extended to us for years and years, where Nineveh had only forty days, so the people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest even to the least of them. Jonah 3:5.

When Nicodemus came to Jesus by night, Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Here is why so many people cannot see and walk in the light—they have not been born again. But when we are really born again we see the light, we see and feel the necessity of a closer walk with Jesus.

Once a lady was at the altar screaming and pleading for forgiveness. I knelt and prayed with her, later asking her if it was well with her soul. She cried aloud, "I see the light." We cannot see, neither can we understand the fullness of His goodness until we are truly born again.

Now we hear the call of the Lord, "Go preach, go plead for lost souls, go point men and women to the Lamb of God." Dear ones, it means much to spread the Gospel. The way I was called in the ministry was almost as that of Jonah. There was a longing in my heart from childhood, to be a Christian. I longed to be Christlike. I always made for either the choir or front seats. I never did go to church but twice in my life that I did not go in, and the building was crowded so then that I could not get in. On the other side I felt a "tug" which held me back in sin until I was about 24 years of age. My good, moral parents sent me to school where I got a fair education. They taught me to be honest and shun bad company. Teaching school was my heart's desire. After two years of teaching I felt something tugging at my very heart strings. I tried photography, which I soon learned was not my calling, next I studied music until I was able to organize a good brass band, but soon became dissatisfied at that—still feeling that still small voice which I did not understand. My health became very bad. I was then converted in the old original Christian church doctrine. I could almost hear the voice calling, "Go preach." I promised the Lord I would respond to His call, but soon the enemy began to succeed in making me believe I was not able to preach unless I had a Bible education. A minister in the Christian faith, a personal friend of mine, gave me about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of books, but sorry to say, I did not see inside all of them. The enemy did his work successfully. In the meantime I married, and my plea to her was that I would work at the barber trade and study, but study was not in it at all. I soon began to indulge in drinking, bad talking and things that a Christian would not do. My health grew from bad to worse. God blessed me with two dear little children but I could not support them like I wanted to. I spent all I could make with the physicians, but grew worse. It was seldom I ever laid down at night; all the rest I could get was in a chair. I was a perfect wreck. Finally I could not support my dear family. My little children would cry for something to eat. My God, dear people how the devil will ruin our happiness and even our soul, when we do not obey the call.

The earthly physicians had given me up to die. They did all they could. I was then staring death in the face, unprepared. God opened my eyes that I might see my awful condition. There was my family, they would be left to the mercy of the world. It was enough to set any man wild. There was again that still small voice. I could read in the Word where God gave His only Son but I did not know what it meant to be a father until I became one myself. All these things began to move upon me.

The physicians referred me to one more remedy. I was sent to another hospital for an examination, and an operation was necessary. So while waiting in the Waiting Room that morning, I turned my face to the wall and prayed as I never did before, promising God if He would deliver me from that place and heal me I surely would respond to His call. God already was answering my prayer. I had confessed to Him I was a sinner, pleading for mercy and pardon, and I was sent home that same evening. The next morning I met the preacher I desired to see. I said, Brother, all physicians have given me up to die, now there is only one chance for me; if God does not heal me I am done. I want you (and two holiness preachers I named to him) to anoint me with oil and pray that God will heal me. I said, "Brother, I believe I am going to be healed." He said, "I will be glad to pray for you, but as far as anointing you for your healing that is just of the apostles and prophets." Well, that did not change the Word of God, neither did it change my good resolutions, yet I knew there was no use for him to pray for me, as he had not the faith. I hastened to the holiness preacher and stated my case before him. He invited me to services. I went, but what do you think he asked me to do? He wanted me to go to the altar. The devil said to me, "Now I

would not do that. You a preacher, the people will laugh and criticize you, I'd never do that." I took both sides into consideration. I knew the devil did not want anyone to go to the altar, and on the other hand, I knew it would not hurt anyone to go there. I said, devil, anything to make you mad, here I go. I fell in at the altar. My condition became more serious. When the altar services were ended I said to the preacher, You are going home with me, which he did. And only being seated a few minutes I said, "Time is too precious, let us pray." There is where God sanctified me and made me a happy man. Such a change in my life there has been since I was really born again. I was healed instantly, and could sleep, eat and work better than I ever did. I have enjoyed perfect health since. Later that precious Comforter whom Jesus said He would pray the Father to give us, (when we met the conditions) came in and took up His abode, and still made me happier and more able to fight the devil and his works.

Now I said, Lord I will go preach, as I had such a wonderful vision the night I received the baptism. I saw the blood flowing down the Savior's side, where I was pointing multitudes to the bleeding side. But I was not financially fixed to go preach. I said to my wife, I am not making enough money at the barber trade, we will set up in the restaurant business a while and then go out in the work for the Lord. We moved, and the day after we moved I awoke with measles. I was in some little time with it so I began to try to get my little restaurant in order, when my wife was taken very ill. And instead of increasing in wealth I was losing. God healed her, and I got started off again, when my baby was attacked with pneumonia and whooping cough. Until she was well I was out of money and worse off than I was before I started the restaurant business. Again God revealed to me in a dream that I was not interested in winning souls for Him, and He gave me the last call. Heb. 13:17, Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Now that we must watch for their souls, it behooves us to preach the Word in the spirit of meekness with gentleness and longsuffering. Jesus said to Peter, Feed my lambs. I declare unto you we cannot feed lambs with clubs and hammers and booming poles and the like. On the opposite, we will feed them and stroke their fleecy wool, and by being kind and gentle to them they will follow us wherever we go.

Now when we go in on Sunday morning with long faces, snapping and cracking at everybody we see and meet, it is not the Spirit of Christ, neither is there anything in such that proves to me that we are in harmony with God. Pastors, let us come in with a smile on our faces, a kind word to everyone, saint or sinner. Superintendents should come in with a smile and a hearty handshake to his school as well as to others. He should always be on time and have a pleasant word for every scholar. God will not put His approval on us coming in after Sunday School has begun. Again the Word says, Be not slothful in business. If that is not slothfulness in God's business, what is it? Always be ready to give the sinner a kind word, and not only will we make friends, but if we convert the sinner from the error of his way we shall save a soul from death and shall have a multitude of sins. James 5:20.

Heb. 5:14, But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. You do not mean to tell me this means to get up on the rostrum and cut and drive, slash and push. I say no a thousand times, no. We are to study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. Now if we want to give them strong meat, let's study to do it with the Sword of the Spirit. Many things encourage me while preaching the Word. While Paul was in the castle one night the Lord stood by him and said, Be of good cheer Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem so must thou bear witness also at Rome, Acts 23:11, and so God cheers us along the way.

Another reason why I feel like pressing on and telling the good news is because Jesus died for the Church of God and further I read that Jesus is the head of the Church. Webster gives the definition of church in these two, both meaning practically the same. (1) A collective body of people. (2) A particular body of people. Now who would it not encourage to know that we belong to that particular body? (Jesus). Then you will agree that Jesus was holy. Evidently, if He was holy, we, being members of His body, are holy as He is holy. Rom. 5:4. Experience maketh holy. On last October 22d, after driving three days and part of two nights I walked into the most beautiful place I have ever been in. I was so tired, I thought, I will go to bed tonight, and rest, although something drew me just to peep in where the power was so prevalent. I said, Glory be to God! The above took place in the Church of God Auditorium, Cleveland, Tennessee. We surely can feast on the love of God there, but now I am so hungry to be in another Assembly I don't see how I can wait until next October. It makes me think of Rev. 22:1, "And he

THREE QUESTIONS

J. M. Cockrell

Text.—Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming? and of the end of the world? Matt. 24:3.

These are questions that were asked Jesus by the disciples. Jesus had come out of the temple, and as He departed the disciples called His attention to the beautiful buildings of the temple. No doubt the stones of which the temple was built, were beautiful to all who looked at them. As Jesus looks and beholds the stones, He says, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down. There is no doubt that they wondered at His sayings and became interested to know when this would take place, and as they reached the Mount of Olivet, from which the best view of the temple was obtained, they asked Jesus these questions: "Tell us when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

These Things

We notice while the disciples were showing Jesus the building of the temple, and as He looks at the stones, He says to them, "See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down. We notice that Jesus said to them, "See ye not all these things?" Then, "Tell us when shall these things be?" "These things" has reference to the destruction of Jerusalem. This evil was brought upon Jerusalem because they forsook the Lord their God, and began to worship other gods. The Lord said to Solomon, after he had finished the house, I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. He further says, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments, then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David thy father. But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye, or your children, and will not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them, then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people. And he goes on and says that everyone that passeth by it shall be astonished and shall say, Why has the Lord done thus? And the answer was, Because they forsook the Lord their God, and took hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them. Micah the minor prophet, prophesied in the days of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying "Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps." "Heaps" means in the Hebrew, "ruin," or as "overturned." Also Jeremiah spake to the house of Israel in the early reign of Jehoiakim and warned Judah to turn from their evil way or the Lord would make this house like Shiloh, and the city a curse to all the nations of the earth. This prophecy was fulfilled for the destruction of Jerusalem and was brought about by the Roman army, led by Titus, in the year seventy.

The Sign of Thy Coming

This was the second question which the disciples asked Jesus, and has reference to the last days of this Gospel dispensation. Jesus went on in answer to this question and said, "Take heed that no man deceive you." This shows that they were to be careful and beware for there was to be danger all along, of being deceived. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many. He further spoke of other signs that would lead up to His second coming. The special sign was "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of the desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand ye in the holy place." Jesus had said, Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ. We can readily see that there were to be many false Christs to come and as John said, "even now are." There are many antichrists. "Antichrist" means one that denies and opposes the true Christ. We now notice the words "abomination of the desolation." I will also read the Syriac. "And when ye see the abominable sign of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand ye in the holy place." These words of Jesus doubtless has reference to the destruction of Jerusalem, to an extent,

shewed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. Yet, if I am called on the other side before another Assembly, as Paul said, I can say, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

I started this way thru the calling of Jesus, and I mean to run the race with patience to the end, until I can hear the One that died for me, say, Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou in to the joy of thy Lord. Amen.

which was only a foregoing picture of the abomination of desolation, or that maketh desolate, which is yet future, and will be brought about by the antichrist when he breaks the covenant with the Jews in the midst of the week and places his image within the rebuilt temple. This is the abomination of desolation. This has had two partly fulfillments, first, when Antiochus, in defiance of the Jews and of God, sacrificed a sow on the holy altar; second, when Titus set up in the temple the image of the emperor to be worshipped. But the supreme fulfillment will be brought about by the antichrist, as I have said. Jesus refers to this as the abominable "sign," thus showing that there was a sign before the desolation took place. We have been made believe, by the many signs, such as false Christs, false prophets and other signs, that the second coming of Jesus is even at the door. Jesus said, "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near even at the door." Mark refers to these false Christs and false prophets which shall rise, and says they shall show signs and wonders to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect, thus showing that many will be led astray by these signs and wonders performed by these false Christs, and they will not stop at this, but will undertake to seduce or lead astray the very elect. This connects up with the words of Paul when he said, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." This was to be in the latter times. I will read the next verse in the Syriac. These will seduce by a false appearance, and will utter a lie, and will be sealed in their conscience, etc. This shows that many will go after these deceptive spirits, and will be led astray. The words of Jesus were, "Take heed that no man (false prophet) deceive you." The many signs that will be performed by these false Christs in these latter days will be abominable signs and disgusting to the true Holy Ghost saints today, as the abominable sign of desolation was to the true children of God in the past. These false prophets and false Christs are nothing more than forerunners of, or that point to the real false prophet, that will cause an image of the antichrist to be made, and will force the inhabitants to worship this image or death will be the penalty, if they do not. He will also cause this image to talk. There is no wonder that Jesus said, When ye therefore shall see the abominable sign that maketh desolate, (let him that readeth understand) then let them that be in Judah flee to the mountain. If there ever was a time that people need to know and understand, it is now, also flee to the mountain experience, where there is safety. The many signs are telling us to be faithful a little while longer, then Jesus will step out in midair and say, Come, my people and enjoy the refuge that is prepared for you. Then will usher the antichrist reign in on this world. Peter gives us another great sign that the appearing of Jesus is near. He says, Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers (mockers) walking after their own lusts, etc. We can see that this is being fulfilled in our presence every day. Another striking sign is the apostasy. Paul said, Let no man deceive you by any means **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. It is true that many things were to come to pass before Jesus came, but one special thing was a falling away from Christianity, and this was to continue until the man of sin be revealed. We know that Christianity of the early church was swallowed up by catholicism and began to rise in the days of the early reformers. Since then there have been thousands that have accepted Christ, also many hundreds have received the experience of sanctification and the Holy Ghost. But on the other hand thousands and thousands have turned in opposition to Christ, and declares no God, no hell. By this we can see that the falling away is here, and is being seen by our eyes. Let us remember the words of Paul, let no man deceive you.

And of The End of The World

The word world here is translated into "age." This shows that there is an end to the age in which we are now living, doubtless we are in the Philadelphia age, and are nearing the close of it every day. Jesus said to the Jews, on one occasion, "How often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not." And for this cause (because they crucified Him) their house was left desolate, and He (Jesus) turned to the Gentiles. "Jesus said in John that He came to His own, but His own received Him not. Now according to the above Scriptures, we must be living in the Gentile dispensation, and there must be an end to it in the near future. We believe that this Gospel age is divided into seven periods, represented by the seven churches that were in Asia Minor, and there is no doubt that we are living in the Philadelphia church age now, as I have stated above. Surely the end is near. Jesus said to the people, in the Philadelphia age, "Because thou hast

When Things Go Wrong Look To Jesus

BEACHTON, Ga.—I want to sound a few words of praise as it keeps lingering in my mind. I feel the need of prayer as I am living in such a wicked place. My heart goes out for the people here. None of them seem to care for the Lord. It is my desire to live for the Lord. I know I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. I am so glad that I really knew when I received the blessing. I have been well tried but I know that my wonderful Savior does a good work and all that is wrong is of the devil for he sinned from the beginning. It seems hard to bear the persecutions sometimes but I have learned that it is of the world when things go wrong and I only look above.

I want to praise the Lord for His keeping power and grace in times of need. I thank Him for the light on the Church of God. It is my desire to join the church and be baptized. I want to live pure and holy and go all the way with the Lord. I thank God for the Bible and for the comfort I get out of spending my time reading it. I never get tired of hearing the good testimonies, going to prayer meeting and telling what the Lord has done. I am so far from church that I haven't been to meeting in seven months. I get so hungry to be in service and be with the saints. I feel that I am all alone but I know Jesus is with me.

I am glad to hear of the good meetings that are going on in Carbur, Fla. I received a letter from my daughter, Mrs. Hazel McCants, last week. She said the Lord had saved her and she was happy. She requests prayer for herself and husband, also I have six children and a husband whom I want the saints to pray for, that they may be saved.

I thank the Lord for His healing power. He has healed my body many times. My desire is to put on the whole armour of God and live for Him regardless of what happens, for if we lose our souls and gain the whole world, we will not be profited any. I want my life to be a bright testimony. I want to be an overcomer like Paul was. Pray for my mother and sisters. I have only one brother and I surely want to see him saved. I am glad that there are a few in this way who can pray conviction on others. I pray that my Lord will help me and others to come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need, and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever.—Mrs. Georgie Burns.

We Shall Greet Our Conquering King

PONTIAC, Mich. (Dec. 17)—I wish to sound a word of praise to our God, and Christ our precious Saviour and soon coming King. The dear little Evangel means so much to us away up here in Michigan. Yes, right here in our home. We look for a every week, more so than we do a letter from some of our kinsfolk. It keeps us in touch with so many of God's dear people. I praise the Lord because I am saved and sanctified thru the precious blood that was spilled on the cross of Calvary. Well do I remember the hour and even the moment it flowed over my soul, and O such joy! Thanks be to our God! This old cold world has not been able to take it away, that is the best part of it all. I still feel that same cleansing flow this morning over my soul. That was nine years ago, and eight weeks later I received the Holy Ghost, according to God's Word (Acts 2:4) with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues, and in all these nine years my kinsfolk who forsook me, have never made me doubt the blessed experience, and that precious gift.

I thank God for a true blue spirit filled wife. We have gone thru some deep waters. The death angel visited our home twice, just three and one half months apart, and took from our family circle, first our oldest son, 24 years of age. But he was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. By God's grace we could look up and say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Then in April following, the death angel visited again and removed from our midst our only dear daughter, a sweet girl, saved, sanctified and Spirit-filled, age nineteen years. Again we were able to say, "thy will be done." In the last trying moments she looked up and the praises did flow out of her inmost soul as she went sweeping thru the pearly gates. Yes, asleep in Jesus, and how I do praise God that soon, O so soon, our Christ will break thru the eastern sky with a great shout, and the dear old mossy graves will open and the dear ones will arise first, and we that have stood faithful will meet our conquering King and loved ones. My wife and I are members of the Church of God, and we love Her teachings. We are grateful for our pastor whom God directed here. I thank God that the burden of lost souls is upon us, also upon many of the saints here. We covet your prayers, for this wicked city.—Phillip Degroff, 349 South Edith St.

I kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation. I will say in conclusion that the Rapture must bring us to the close of the Gentile dispensation.

IN THE PRISON

"I was sick and in prison, and ye visited me."

Sunday afternoon, behind the great prison bars, in Macon, Ga. a company of men full of sympathy, love and affections was admitted into the cells of that monstrous prison, and with great joy and singing with much enthusiasm and constant flow of raining tears, made the old prison walls ring with the good message of Him who said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

The precious prisoners reached their hands through the prison bars with tears streaming from their eyes and said, "Pray for me." Some said, "I am guilty, pray for me." There were some who doubtless thought that life would soon go out, yet in that great stone and steel prison, God showed His smiling face, and the love of Jesus was so powerfully felt that the strong men cried out, and we shouted the great praises of Him who loved us so much as to die for us, the just for the unjust.

Some of the good citizens of Macon were there, and a company of men from Cleveland, Tennessee, with the High Sheriff, who made a very sympathetic speech and told how he had been delivered from the awful fiend of night.

We accompanied Brother J. H. Simpson and friends to see his son, Homer, who had been trapped in serious trouble, but who had later come to God and received forgiveness, and who is now a happy Christian. We humbly beseech all who read these lines to pray for Homer, that the merciful God will intercede for him.

It seemed that the Lord was most powerfully present in that jail, inasmuch that it was greatly noticeable to all. I felt the Great Presence of the omnipotent God of love in a most wonderful way, and others did also. Don't fail to pray for the precious men whom sin has so violently bound.—M. S. Lemons.

Thank God for Holiness Thru Christ

W. FRANKFORT, Ill.—I want to praise the Lord this beautiful afternoon for free and full salvation. About five years ago the Lord saved, sanctified, filled me with the Holy Ghost, added me to the Church of God and put me on the Highway of holiness. I praise the Lord for the privilege of being a member of the local church at W. Frankfort, Ill. where there is a wonderful band of workers for the Lord. Our pastor, W. J. Milligan, is loved by both saints and sinners. He has the work at heart. He has an humble and loving spirit. Brother Milligan has been faithful in raising a sum of money each year to pay on the indebtedness of the church. Last Sunday, March 17th, we had a rally day and the Lord blessed us in raising \$337.50 which puts us almost out of debt. We expect to be out of debt in a few days. We had our State Overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, with us rally day. He is greatly encouraged with the work at W. Frankfort. He is loved much by all the saints here.

We praise the Lord for our Sunday School and we contribute the honor to our faithful superintendent, Brother Marion Joplin, who has been faithful in the work. Our pastor has divided his church in four classes and appointed four leaders over the classes. God has greatly set His approval on these services. If you are down in the alley and feel discouraged, come to W. Frankfort where you can get fired up for God, for we have joined hearts and hands together in love, and have declared war on the devil and all of hisimps. I mean by this, pastor, deacons, class leaders and laity. We are on the Lord's side and He is for us and why should we be afraid? Thank God for boldness thru Christ our Redeemer. Also we remember our faithful Sister Ida Black who is the class leader of the sisters' meeting, every Monday morning at 9:30 you can readily see why we have the victory. While the brethren are laboring to make the money to pay the bills, the sisters are busy praying the power down to bless our souls.—Your brother, Daulton Short, class leader.

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Town Was Stirred By The Gospel

ELDORADO, Ill. (Jan. 25)—We praise the Lord for victory at Eldorado, Ill. We have some true saints here and the Lord is still with us, and is blessing us here. Our revival came to a close Jan. 16th, the Lord surely did bless us in the meeting. The first night the altar was well filled with seekers. About twenty one prayed through. Some were saved, some sanctified and a few were reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost. The town was stirred and many people came to the revival and heard the Word, that never had come before.

Sister Morrow, from Hamilton, Ohio held the revival, she surely preached the Word of God. On Sunday, Dec. 30, 1928 she held a special meeting for "Women Only." The house was just as full as it could be, and they had the streets blocked with cars. Our church seats something near a thousand people and it surely was filled. There were people who came to this lecture that had never been in the church before. The next Sunday, Jan. 6, 1929 Sister Morrow held a lecture for "Men Only." There was a crowd there this time also. These lectures have proven a blessing in Eldorado. We had a singing evangelist with us, Sister Marie Pickett from Benton, Ill. She is working with Sister Morrow. She surely did some fine singing. Please pray for us here in Eldorado that our church may grow and prosper, and that we may be ready to go at all times.—Leona Thomas.

A Marvelous Case Of Healing

ENIGMA, Ga. (Mar. 1)—Dear Brother Rouse, my son has become afflicted with one of his legs from jumping on a moving truck last Summer. Please pray for God to heal him. I know that there is victory in prayer, for I am the man who had blood poison two years ago. I was given up by two doctors. They said there was no chance for me to live. Through your prayers and God's mercy I am a well man today. I know that God will heal my son. Please tell God how bad he is. It grieves me to see him crippled. I had to stop him from school on the account of his condition. Brother Rouse, you know I was telling you when you were in Fitzgerald this past Winter how bad my leg was before it was healed. There was a space of two inches wide and eighteen inches long that had rotted out. I could not walk a step. Doctors and trained nurses from different towns came to see me. They said that they had never experienced such a case. I would tell them that God was going to heal me when they would tell me they couldn't see how I could get well. Thank God I am a well and happy man today. If anyone doubts my condition from this affliction, I will be glad to write them a personal letter giving the names of the doctors and nurses to certify just how bad I was. I am willing to testify anywhere for God for I am a living witness to divine healing. Still remember me in your prayers.—Yours under the blood, L. G. Barnes.

OUR GOD CAN DO ALL THINGS

LIVINGSTON, Ky.—Sometime ago I was suffering with one of my eyes and had had three bad spells with it. I prayed hard for the Lord to heal it but somehow I couldn't get the victory. Husband took me to Corbin, Ky. to the very best eye specialist and he said I would have to have an operation. Well I just couldn't bear the thought of that. That was about four years ago and about two years ago I had another bad spell and my husband wanted me to take the operation. I said, I am going to trust God for it, and when I received the cloth I had sent Brother Rouse, I laid it on my eye and asked the Lord to heal me and He did. I haven't had another thing wrong with it, yet I could hardly see to read for a long time. Our God can do all things bless his name! Another time Brother Rouse sent an anointed cloth for my husband. He was real sick. I prayed one whole night for him and he was healed before the letter reached us and was at work. He was in an awful condition. A number of times I have laid the cloth on my children and they were healed and just last week I was taken with a severe pain in my back and side. I was suffering much and I laid the cloth on that Brother Rouse had anointed for my eyes, and I am all right now.—Mrs. Sallie Richards.

It Is Wonderful

PONCHATOULA, La.—I am praising God for the wonderful Holy Ghost. I never intend to turn back in sin. I look to God when I get sick and He heals me. It is wonderful to know that when you are sick there is someone who can heal. Praise God! I am more encouraged to serve the Lord than ever before. I want all the saints to pray for my father to be saved. Pray that we will grow stronger in the Lord.

God has surely been blessing down here at Bedico for the last couple of weeks. Brother Sharp didn't get to

SPIRITUAL TIDE RUNNING HIGH

STRAVEN, Ala. (Mar. 9)—I thank God for the Sunday School at Straven. We have been having Sunday School for six weeks and now have sixty-five on roll. God is blessing the children. Brother Andrew Mills is our superintendent, the Lord blesses him. Brother Iva Crumpton is our Bible teacher, he is rendering good service. Brother Shumaker and others also are boosting the Sunday School. I will say that I have been in Sunday School at several different places and I have never seen any better interest anywhere than at Straven. This place is coming to the front. The tide is running high; the Lord is here. Pray for us.—H. M. Taylor.

HE WILL KEEP US THRU GREAT TRIALS

COPPERHILL, Tenn.—I thank the Lord for his good number way of goodness. Near 14 years ago the Lord sent Brother McLain and Brother Bryant into our little town, and they preached the gospel in its fullness with the real power of God, and I was one of the first among them to receive the blessings. I never will be able to tell of His wonderful love to me and the sweet refreshing showers from heaven. Little did I think of the suffering that we would have along the way, but I feel that we are entering into the day when the evil one is doing his best to overcome us. Jesus says to watch and pray lest ye enter into temptations. If we are not prayed up when the test comes we will fall by the wayside. O I long for more of that good meek and humble spirit of Jesus. I recently went thru a test and one day while praying (which it seemed I had gone just as far as I could without help from God) and my little vessel was tossed to and fro, it seemed that I would almost go overboard. I could see Jesus standing with outstretched hands, saying "I will be still, and the joy began to come into my soul. Then I thought of how he suffered in the garden. I promised the Lord I would be willing to suffer the test and trials in this way, by his help. Sometimes the enemy will work thru someone whom we think to be our friend, and try to cast us down, but I thank the dear Lord for the good promises in His Word to His children. Blessed is the man that endureth temptations, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love Him. James 1:12. I know it we will endure and stand the test we will make the landing safely. Jesus was our example. He was led, like a sheep, to the slaughter; as a lamb dumb before his shearer he opened not his mouth. Dear ones I want to be more like Him. I am so glad I feel a real touch of His love in my heart tonight. I ask all the saints to pray for our little band of saints at Copperhill. The enemy has been working hard, but we feel the Lord is going to undertake for us. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Luther Richard. He surely does feed our souls with the Word of God, and has a heart full of love for everyone. The enemy is trying him hard with afflictions. I ask all to pray for his healing. —Ollie Tarpley.

Gaining In Number

AVON PARK, Fla. (Jan. 19)—Just a few lines from the Church of God at this place. We are so glad because we can report victory over here at this little church, which is growing to be a large church, as three came in for membership, one from the Fire Baptizers movement, who was a minister, and he is on fire for God. Eight came in with transfers. O we just had a glorious time Sunday night, the 13th, as we had communion service and those precious souls came into the Church. The saints just shouted and danced and talked in tongues, and we had a good time. We are glad we have some more in our number to help fight the devil here. The devil surely is on his job but despite all his puffs and blows we are coming up thru the trials with great shouts in our souls. I am feeling good in my soul right now. I want to go on and do more for the upbuilding of the cause of Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary's cross, that we might be redeemed. Now is the time for the children of God to stand blamelessly and pray and help get every soul thru to God. I feel that it is not long till Jesus is coming back to gather His children. O how I do want to be ready when He comes or calls. I am asking all who know the worth of prayer to pray for lost souls at this place, and especially pray for your humble sister.—Mrs. Bertha Crutchfield.

preach for three nights. The devil does not like for us to shout and praise God, and we have to put up with him sometimes. Pray for us.—Irene Perilloux.

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OBITUARIES

McCOY

Thomas L. McCoy was born July 1, 1866 and died Feb. 2, 1929. His life had been spent in the wrong direction and realizing it, he called for the saints to come and pray for him. He confessed his sins and cast himself on the mercy of God, and the Word says that if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is what took place afterward, he said he was ready to go and told us the time he would go. He asked us all to forgive him if we had anything against him and said if he got well he would go to meeting and serve God. When death was near he said "don't cry, I want to go home." He said tell Joanie and Max to live right and meet him in Heaven.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, Sis. Ida McCoy, five sons, Otis, Otto, Charley, James and Lowell, four daughters, Mrs. Maggie Parris of Helican, Mrs. Lougilliah Freeman of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. and Misses Eunice and Tula McCoy, besides a host of friends. We weep not as those who have no hope for we feel that he has gone to a better home than this, where suffering will be no more. He was laid to rest at Mt. Pisgah cemetery.

Some sweet day when life is over
And we lay our armour down,
We shall meet no more to sever
On that bright and cloudless morn.

Won't that be a happy meeting
When our loved ones we shall see,
For we'll live with Christ and loved ones
Through all eternity. — One who loved him, I. O. M.

RICE

The death angel visited my home and claimed my little one, George William Rice, on Jan. 17, 1929. I loved him so much but he has gone to be with Jesus where suffering is over. The funeral service was conducted by Brother George Lemons at South Cleveland, Tenn.

SMITH

The death angel passed thru our midst on Monday morning of July 2, 1928 and claimed for its victim Sister Mattie Smith. She was a member of the Church of God at Broxton, Ga. The last time she had the privilege of being at the church the Lord blessed her in her testimony and she shouted and praised God. She was twenty-eight years old and leaves to mourn her death a husband, three little children, a broken hearted mother, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Her father preceded her to the great beyond Feb. 18, 1928 and one sister ten years ago. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. W. Buchans and her body laid to rest in the Reedy Branch church cemetery.

Sleep on dear Mattie and take your rest
Where sorrow nor pain can never come,
And when this life is ended with us
We want to meet you in that beautiful home.—One who loved her, Mrs. J. D. Sheffield, Broxton, Ga.

JACKSON

The death angel called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jackson of Atco, Ga. and claimed as its victim their darling baby, Billy. He was born April 7, 1926 and departed this life Dec. 14, 1928 at the age of two years, nine months and seven days. He had typhoid fever and was sick twenty-eight days. Everything was done that earthly hands could do. God in His allwise plan saw fit to call him up higher. No more pain, sickness or sorrow will ever come to little Billy. He has escaped all the sins of this earth. He was just a tiny bud on earth to burst in full bloom in Heaven. Oh how we are made to weep, yet we know that God doeth all things well, and we will know and understand after while. He can't come back to us but we can go to him.

He leaves a father, mother, one sister, Betty, grandparents, uncles, aunts and many friends to mourn his death. Our loss is his eternal gain. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. H. Nix and his body laid to rest in the Damascus cemetery at Calhoun, Ga.

I can not say, and I will not say
That Billy's dead, he's just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
Billy wandered into an unknown land.—His aunt, Callie Jackson Nix.

FREEMAN

The death angel visited my home and called away my dear husband, James Freeman, while in the mines. He was foreman here and met his death by a slate fall. He was killed instantly, not having time to speak. He was a kind and loving father and husband. I am made to believe by a letter he had written to a friend which we found after he was killed, and by the life he had been living the last few weeks of his life, that he was saved. He seemed to be loved by all

the men who worked for him and all who knew him. He was always ready to help those who were in trouble or needed help.

I want all who may read this to pray much for me. I am left with five little children. My troubles seem so hard to bear. I would be glad to hear from Christian friends. I want a deeper experience in the Lord. Pray that I may get in the center of God's will.—Stella Freeman.

BENNETT

On Feb. 7, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bennett of Six Points, Pa. and took Grandma Bell away. Grandma was eighty-six years of age and had made her home with her daughter for the last ten years. She leaves to mourn her departure a daughter, two sons, fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Although not a member of the Church of God she loved to read the Church of God Evangel and on her bed of affliction would call for the saints to sing. Her body was laid to rest in St. Johns cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Our hearts are very lonely
Since Grandma has gone away;
Her toil and care is over
Away from all sorrow ever.

One by one our hopes grow brighter
As we near the shining shore,
For we know across the river
Waits the loved ones gone before.

Oh let us then be faithful
Until we are called to go
To that home of the soul
Away from all sorrow and care.

Her granddaughter, Mrs. E. L. Garner, Emlenton, Pa.

CANADAY

In the Mississippi Valley, in a cozy little home,
Lived two happy companions, lovely and alone;

All their troubles seemed to banish as they did not care to roam
And their tasks kept them busy as they worked around their home.

Till one sad and lonely evening brought the husband to the door,
"I am sick in pain," he uttered as he cast the wood upon the floor;
Nine long days he suffered as he on his death bed lay
Till telling his broken-hearted lover that he knew he was going to die.

On that sad and lonely evening when the sun was sinking low,
The sun in all its beauty did not even seem to glow;
It was hard to leave him as he drew his latest breath
Though we loved him dearly, God in Heaven loved him best.

A lonely companion in this world so lone
Wondering when the Lord shall call her to that eternal home;
There where no hearts are broken and no farewell tears are shed
And our souls are never among the numberless dead.

But all will be day and peace in that bright celestial home
Where we'll live in love and beauty with the Savior on His throne.

On March 28, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Canaday and took from her, her companion, Hugh Canaday, born in 1905. He was twenty-two years, six months and twenty-eight days old when God saw fit to take him. He leaves to mourn his departure, a wife, father, mother, three sisters, four brothers and a host of friends. He was carried to the Cardwell cemetery for burial.—His wife, Otie Canaday.

GLEASON

On Feb. 27, 1929 the death angel visited our home and called our loving mother, Mrs. S. A. Gleason home to be with Jesus. She was sick about two years, was in bed seven months. All was done for her that loving hands could do and she was prayed for many times. She was forty-four years, nine months and twenty-seven days of age. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, eight children, eight grandchildren, a mother, father, four brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

You have been so faithful, mother,
These years by day and night;
Your reward is waiting yonder
In that land of perfect delight.

One by one we must follow,
We must go the narrow way,
For no sin can enter Heaven
In that land of perfect day.

Will the circle be unbroken
When we gather around the throne?
There to live with Christ forever
Where the toils of life are o'er.—Her daughter, Leona Ellis.

HUGHES

On the morning of March the 9th, 1929 Brother Theron E. Hughes of War, W. Va. was found in the mines of the Warrior Pocahontas Coal Co.,

God's Children Are Gathering Home

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. (Mar. 18)—

I want to praise the dear Lord this morning for what He is to us. I am so glad to know that God's children are gathering home to the dear old Church of God. Two preachers came into the Church on March 10th. Their names are Roy L. Wells and F. L. Jones. Brother Jones has been a Free Will Baptist preacher for fourteen years. He is a real man of God. Brother Wells was a Methodist preacher, but thank God he saw the light on the Holy Ghost and came into the Church of God. We are very glad to have these brethren with us. We have just closed a few days' meeting and on the last night our pastor, Brother R. M. Cherry, gave out a wonderful message on the Church of God. Then he gave permission for membership and five came into the church. Anyone desiring the help of Brother F. L. Jones, his address is Rt. 2, Box 222, Wilmington, N. C. All who read this, please pray for us at this place. Your sister.—Mrs. T. M. Starling, Rt. 6, Box 72, Rocky Mount, N. C.

HAD A GOOD MEETING

POUNDING MILL, Va. (Mar. 18)—A revival has been held at Glamorgan, conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother E. J. Hanks. The meeting began February 23d. We had a good meeting. Five were saved, two sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. The Lord blest in a mighty way. We had baptizing Sunday, March 1st, five were baptized with water. Meeting closed with great victory. Your brother, Thomas R. Martin.

under several tons of slate. His tabernacle was crushed but his spirit and soul had taken its flight back to God, leaving to mourn his departure a wife, six children, a father, five brothers, four sisters, and many other relatives and friends, and many brothers and sisters in Christ who will miss him in the work. While they mourn the loss it is Heaven's gain. He was a faithful worker in the Church of God.

Brother Hughes was converted in a Baptist meeting and joined the Baptist church but when the light came to him on the Holy Ghost he walked in it and was filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God. When the division was A. J. Tomlinson came, Brother Hughes went with Tomlinson. Later he became dissatisfied and joined the Pentecostal Church of God; still he was dissatisfied and left them and went with the Pentecostal Holiness. He still felt homesick and when Brother S. E. Money held a revival in War, W. Va. last year he organized a Church of God and later Brother Hughes came in and was set forth as a minister and was taking care of the church as assistant pastor. We class him as a preacher in the Church of God.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother C. H. Blankenship and the attendance showed that he was loved by most of all those whom he came in contact with, several hundred being present. He was laid in the Corretta cemetery to await the call from Heaven to come up and receive his crown. The reason that we believe that he has a crown is that he has testified so often that it mattered not when God came or called He would find him faithful when He came. He said, "If I am in the mines He will find me there." The officials of the company where he was employed said that he was one of the most faithful men in their employ. His Boss, Brother Walter Herndon, said he never did hear Brother Hughes tell a smutty joke or laugh at one in the nine years he was working for him.

To all who read this, let us live so that this can be said about us when we leave this unfriendly world. Let us use him as an example to meet the adversary and the gainsayer. He told Brother C. H. Blankenship, the district pastor, that he was just going to work a few more days and then he was going to get loose and hold some revivals in the district, but he just put it off too long. God knows best. He is gone but not forgotten. The text Brother Blankenship used will remind us of him as often as we read it—Rev. 14: 13. His wife is a dear woman and he has some real bright boys and one real bright girl. Let us pray that Sister Hughes will bring them up as God has said by the mouth of Paul. In the NURTURE and ADMONITION of the Lord.—Sister Lula Evans, Dan, W. Va.

WE ARE FEW BUT GOD BLESSES

LABELLE, Fla.—I want to praise God today for victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. I thank Him because He started me on the precious highway of holiness. Glory to God! Jesus is my healer, my Savior and coming King. We are just a little band here, but God blesses us. Brother J. L. Stephens of North Carolina was with us a few weeks ago and gave us a very encouraging sermon on "Home." I am sure every saint at this place is more determined to go on and reach that home than ever before. God has blessed Brother Frank O'Baunon in fixing up our tabernacle for which we surely praise Him. We are looking for a great outpouring of God's Spirit and power in our revival soon. The devil is here but we know God is on His throne.

I want to praise God for healing my baby boy of fever. Please pray for us at LaBelle and especially do I request your prayers that I'll be as the clay in the potters hands in God's service.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Julia O'Baunon.

WE ARE IN NEED OF WORKERS

ERASTUS, N. C.—I praise God this evening because I am saved, sanctified and healed. Last June I was taken down with rheumatism and have not been able to do a day's work since. About two weeks ago I got so bad that I could not be lifted up on my feet, nor stand my lower limbs to be touched. I sent Brother Pickens Walker and Brother Dillard Hopkins word to come and pray with me, they came and prayed and God healed me. I got up and went to the table and ate my supper. For some cause the same pain came back the next night and I sent for them again and they came. I was completely healed and my limb is as whole as the other one today, but I have a weak back owing to a hurt I got on a highway job about four years ago. I want to ask all the church to pray a special prayer for me to be completely healed and for God to provide some way for me to care for my family of a wife and six children, also that someone will come here this Summer and run a meeting. We are in need of workers here.—Your brother, Garfield Coggins.

ON THE ROCK

LANDIS, N. C.—I want to praise God this evening for full and free salvation. I praise Him for His goodness to me. I praise Him for showing me the Bible way about fifteen years ago, and for showing me the Church, the pillar and ground of the truth. I am on that rock, where Peter said, Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I had been in many churches, but had never felt that heavenly love till I found the Church of God, and I praise Him for ever showing it to me. About two years ago I was bound down at home and could not be in services and the devil tried to make me weak and to make me take medicine, but God came with His mighty power and wonderfully healed my body, and about six weeks ago I had a bad spell of tonsillitis and sore throat and God surely did heal me. I praise Him for it, and it made me feel stronger and nearer to God than ever, bless His dear name! I feel more like going all the way than ever before. I have no home in this world, but I am looking for a bright home in Heaven. I want everyone who knows my blessed Saviour to pray for me, that I may ever be true and do what God wants me to do, for I want to do His will at all times, and I don't want to be ignorant but want to know God's will, and obey them who have the rule over me. I have had some kind of bronchial trouble for about a month and I want you to pray that God will heal me. Your sister in Christ.—Fannie Kenerley.

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